(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) and (b) The materials, released from main line track renewals which still have residual service life, are re-used for laying track in gauge conversion/secondary renewal etc., where it can meet the requirement.

During the current financial year, till 31.10.2003 a total of 690 kms. has been renewed with used material released from track.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Tardy implementation of projects in Railways

451. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE :
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have been found by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to have a tardy record in the implementation of projects leading to huge cost and time overrun;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure the timely completion of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The projects are being progressed as per the availability of resources. There is a huge shelf of on-going projects with limited resources. In the absence of matching availability of funds, time and cost overrun are not feasible to be evaluated.

(c) The projects are progressing as per availability of resources on year to year basis. For expeditious completion of these projects, new initiatives such as private/public partnership, State funding, funding from Ministry of Defence and additional budgetary support for National projects have been taken.

Allocation for rail projects in U.P.

452. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :